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JENSEN'S PLACE.

Topeka Must Have New Com-
mercial Club President.

Robert Pierce, Vice President,
Will Not Accept.

CROSBY OR ROBINSON

One of These Likely to Be
Chosen.

T. F. Doran of Board of Di-
rectors Also Mentioned.

The removal of W. F. Jensen to Salt Lake City which necessarily means his resignation as president of the Topeka Commercial club, calls for the selection of a successor at an early period. Robert Pierce, vice president of the club will act as president until a successor is elected to fill the vacancy. And he is the choice of the members of the club for president. The question of a successor for Mr. Jensen would be easily disposed of if Mr. Pierce would accept the vacancy, but this he insists he can not do under any circumstances. He is willing to accept the responsibilities of vice president, but says that neither his health or business will permit him to accept further responsibilities and that his resignation to the presidency of the club is an impossibility.

It then devolves upon the board of directors to select a man for the vacancy and from what the members have said that selection will be made from among the membership of the club outside of this committee unless T. F. Doran can be prevailed upon to accept the honor. The two men who have been most prominently mentioned for the place are J. W. Robinson of the firm of Robinson and Marshall and E. H. Crosby of the firm of Crosby Brothers.

Either of these would make an acceptable man for the place if he can be prevailed upon to accept it but both are men of large business interests and it is doubtful if either of them can be prevailed upon to spare the time required for the successful management of the affairs of the Commercial club. Each of these men possesses peculiar qualifications for the place and either would be acceptable to the membership of the club.

A general shaking up followed the election of Mr. Jensen to the presidency of the Commercial club the first of the year and many radical changes and reforms were advocated though but few if any of them have become effective. The limited time that Mr. Jensen was at the head of the club may have had something to do with the fact that his ideals have not been attained.

Mr. Jensen has been out of the city during the past month on account of ill health and the club has done but little during this time. Mr. Jensen advocated the employment of an efficient rate clerk as secretary of the club and A. B. Poole has acted as temporary secretary pending the selection of such a man.

Whether such a man would have been appointed is merely conjecture, as it appears that a majority of the members of the board of directors do not look with favor upon this plan. Just what the policy of the club will be in the future remains to be seen for the presidents in the past have had much to do with outlining the work of the organization.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Crosby are men of large business experience and each has taken an active interest in the work of the Commercial club since its organization. With either of them at the head of the organization a number of improvements might be expected immediately though some radical steps would probably be taken to awaken new life among the membership of the club. The matter will all probably be presented to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Crosby immediately following the resignation of Mr. Jensen which is expected at the regular meeting which will be held the 12th of next month.

TO ADJOURN JUNE 15.

M. E. Conference Fixes Date for End-
ing Its Session.

Baltimore, May 23.—John S. Huyler of New York, a delegate to the conference and an active supporter of Dr. Coddell, pastor of the Calvary M. E. church, New York, has received a telegram protesting against the "injustice suffered by their pastor," and desiring it to be known that he enjoys their fullest confidence. The message was signed by G. A. J. Norman, president of the board of trustees, and W. F. Heritage, secretary of the official board of Calvary church.

The conference today voted to adjourn sine die Monday evening, June 15.

The special order for today was the report of the committee on temperance which was read by Governor Hanley of Indiana.

B. Lee, Page of Portland, Ore., followed with a minority report.

The two reports were in perfect accord in denouncing the liquor business and in pledging enmity to all forms of legalized traffic in intoxicants. They differ in their recommendation of methods to be employed in bringing about its suppression.

There was no election on the ninth ballot for bishops.

The majority report endorses specifically the anti-saloon league and also advises the members first to stand against local option as against a general license law, as a step towards ultimate prohibition. It also advises its members to vote against candidates who are known to be in favor of the liquor traffic, if the of-

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face to which they aspire comes in direct contact with the liquor business. The minority document which was signed by 12 members of the temperance committee, objects to the specific endorsement of the anti-saloon league and puts it on a par with other temperance societies, such as the women's Christian temperance, good templars and others of that character. It states that local option has in many cases been used by the liquor traffic to reclaim for its own use territory already under prohibition and maintains that the position taken by the church 18 years ago should be re-enacted at this time, as the position denounced the party and not the individual alone.

UNIQUE PRINTING

The State Journal today for the first time in the history of perfecting presses in Kansas printed a single color page and on an inside page, the eleventh. This paper has the only color fast press in the state and heretofore has been able to print two outside pages in color. Today one page was crowded out notwithstanding the size of the paper was increased from 16 to 20 pages to make room for news and advertising.

The eleventh page was printed today at one and the same time with the other nineteen pages and folded in with them, first the blue, then the red then the black web winding around the color ink cylinders in one continuous sheet.

JACKSON AFTER ANOTHER

Attorney General Investigating an
Alleged Bridge Trust.

Attorney General F. S. Jackson has another trust "under the gun." He is investigating the alleged combine of bridge building concerns, which it is said is operating in Kansas. These bridge building companies, it is claimed, are practically under one management, while maintaining the outward appearance of competition. They go into "competition" for contracts with various boards of county commissioners and others have charge of bridge erection, and apparently bid against each other, but it is claimed their bids are all arranged ahead of time so that it is a "cut and dried" affair and the work of building bridges is parceled out at high prices to the various firms.

"If we can get the evidence of this state of affairs," said Mr. Jackson today, "we will start something."

"Is the Topeka Bridge & Iron company in this combine?" was asked.

"I don't think it is," was Mr. Jackson's reply.

For a number of years there has been strong suspicion that the Shawnee county board of commissioners was in the grip of a "bridge trust." The so-called competitive bidding had a queer look.

QUAYLE IN THE LEAD

On Ninth Ballot Had Most Votes for
Bishop.

Baltimore, May 23.—The deadlock in the election of bishops continued in the ninth ballot which resulted as follows:

Total vote 741, necessary to elect 493.
Quayle 489; Lewis 480; Stuntz 466; Charles W. Smith 445; McIntyre 399; Hughes 357; Downey 317; Hingle 186; Jennings 157; Goodell 152; Cooke 149; Donahoe 144; Mason 133.

The tenth ballot was taken, but it will not be counted and announced until Monday.

Adjournment was taken with the temperance committee's report still under consideration.

LOCAL MENTION.

Smoke the La Rosa 5 cent cigar.
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After a good meal a smoker wants a good cigar. To these men we suggest Eagle's new premier Silver Stogie 10 cent cigar. All first-class dealers sell them.

"Captain Racket," the play that will be given by the Modern Woodmen of America at the Grand Wednesday night, May 27, is one of the best three act comedies. Between the acts the degree teams of the local camps will give their drills which will be the same as given at the head camp—meeting at Peoria, Ill. in June, when competing for national prizes. These drills are of a military character and will be interesting to anyone who desires to see the advance tickets are for sale by the various members of Shawnee camp and team.

The best friend a man has is a telephone. It is always ready and willing to do that which is required of it. You will never know the convenience of a telephone till you have installed one of the Independent Telephone company.

John Baumgartner, the merchant tailor, has received a full line of spring and summer suits. Call on him before buying elsewhere. 806 Kan. ave.

Superb picnic grounds, boating, fishing, Garfield park. Boats 25c per hour. Oscar Raines, of Jefferson county, who was one of the candidates for attorney general at the 1906 Republican convention, has filed with the secretary of state his petition for nomination for district judge of the Thirtieth district, composed of Jackson and Jefferson counties. The judge of this district is now Marshall Gephart of Oskaloosa, a Democrat. It had not been previously announced that Mr. Raines would be a candidate for this office.

Make wash day a pleasure. Use Ideal Washing Flake. At all grocers. Mrs. Anna E. Sheldon, who has been sick at her apartment at the Copeland for three weeks is now much better, and is able to be out.

Have you tried the Big Tromp 5 cent cigar?

W. Y. Morgan is in town today. Concerning the claim of the aqueduct that Stubbs and Bristow will carry Reno county 5 to 1. Mr. Morgan said: "The people who made that guess don't have the reputation of being good guessers down in our county."

Fine Boating and fishing at Garfield park. Boats 25c per hour.

J. C. Mohler, assistant secretary of the state board of agriculture, is sick.

Madison Southern's Washburn pupils will give another recital at the college chapel beginning at 8 o'clock tonight. Regular dinners served daily at Vinewood park cafe from 12 till 2 p. m., and from 5:30 till 8 p. m. Try one at 35 cents. Mrs. E. M. Burnett caterer.

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This is the first fruit of the Spruce club; and the club has other things well under way which will make the west side of the same block "sit up and take notice."

The five Western Union telegraph poles along the east curb will be painted snow white thirty feet up from the ground and a cable for the incandescent lamps strung in festoons between the poles the length of the block to make these improvements come about by a remarkable co-operation of the property owners and tenants on the east side of the avenue in this block.

Arrangements are under way to make a uniform smooth cement sidewalk the entire length of this block. Another big feature under headway will be announced later.

REEDER AROUSED

Kansas Congressman Defeats Enlarged
Homestead Bill.

Washington, May 23.—A flutter of excitement was created in the house today during the consideration of the conference report on the bill providing for enlarged homesteads. Messrs. Mondell of Wyoming and Gaines of Tennessee, who had signed the report urged its adoption. Mr. Reeder (Kan.), however, bitterly opposed the report and bill, and in the course of his remarks made the following statement:

"People of the west seldom send men here who do not vote for what they want and I presume that the men who advocate this bill have hundreds of thousands of acres of western land and they have the American disposition towards everything that adorns them."

Mr. Mondell interpreted this remark as a reflection upon himself and called for the speaker's desk. The words spoke for themselves and that they did not constitute a reflection upon any member.

Mr. Reeder accepted the ruling, but at the same time declared that he thought he heard other words not taken down. The incident which at first had an ugly aspect thereupon was closed. Strong opposition developed to the report and it was defeated, 98 to 148.

The principal arguments advanced against the measure were based on the supposition that cattle men of the west and not legitimate homesteaders would benefit by its provisions, but this hypothesis was vigorously controverted.

Mr. Mondell, in charge of the report, made an attempt to send the bill back to conference, but his effort was futile, the report and bill being finally defeated 103 to 138.

PLATT TO QUIT.

Aged Senator Announces His
Retirement From Politics.

Thinks Roosevelt Will Try for
Senator Depew's Seat.

REGARDING MAE WOOD

He Says He Will Never Give Up
Another Autograph.

Woman Is in Prison, and Seems
Likely to Remain.

New York, May 23.—Basking in the warm glow of his vindication in court, Senator Thomas C. Platt paid his compliments to Mae C. Wood today, and incidentally made the positive announcement that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself at the expiration of his term, a year from next March.

"I am winding up my public career," said the senator with a deep note of sadness, "and I cannot tell you with what regret I shall retire to private life. But it is decreed."

Of particular semi-political interest is the reflection of Senator Platt on the habit of statesmen in scribbling their autographs on blank sheets of paper for all comers. A sheet of paper which Senator Platt believed he signed in blank turned up in the Mae Wood trial at the bottom of an acknowledgment of his alleged marriage to the woman and furnished the text for his sermon.

"Will Never Do It Again."
"I'll never do it again as long as I live," said Mr. Platt. "It is bad business and any public man who thoughtlessly obliges an autograph seeker by putting his name on a sheet of paper in that fashion runs the risk of being trapped just as she attempted to trap me."

With a dry smile, the senator added: "My advice to all public men is to be exceedingly careful to whom they give their autographs and what they give them on. It is a fact generally known that all public men are peculiarly exposed to the attacks of women, who ask for positions or favors of different sorts and end by trying to blackmail them."

"Nothing much to say about Mae Wood," he answered in reply to a question. "The case speaks for itself. I am gratified, of course, that it ended as it did. But I never had any doubt of the result."

"Mae Wood says the end has not been reached yet," the senator was informed. "She asserts that she will continue the fight against you and that as long as there is a Platt alive she will fight."

"I will be dead when she comes out," said the senator resignedly.

"Just one thing more, senator—Mae Wood has been described as having been clever and pretty."

"Never any more so than she is now," was the enigmatical reply.

The talk shifted to politics.

Mr. Platt discussed the prospects of several leaders.

"And how about yourself, senator?" was asked.

"O, I'm out of it all," he said, clasping his hands over his knees. He appeared to turn his eyes back into the past. "I'll not be a candidate for reelection, and I can't tell you with what regret I shall retire to private life. I have known every president personally, from Lincoln to Roosevelt; I have associated intimately with every public man in the intervening period, and I have participated in every historic making event since the days of John C.

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Freemont.
A succession of lights and shadows swept over the face of the senator and he finally looked up with an expression of infinite pathos. All that and at the end—the Mae Wood case.
It is a fact perhaps not generally known that during his idle moments Platt has jotted down his own recollection of passages in history in which he had been a participant, his experience with Lincoln, the formation of the Republican party and other historically valuable memoranda. He may even, if life lasts long enough, attempt to put upon paper his rounded out impressions and reminiscences of his public life. But he hesitates.
"I haven't quite made up my mind about it," he said today.
"But these chapters that you have already written?"
"I have them—but as I feel now I shall probably take them with me," he said.
Over at the Tombs Mae Wood was talking. She hasn't obtained bail yet. Indeed, it is doubtful if any bail will be forthcoming. The powers are not fully subscribed to whom she referred have not hurried to New York to offer security for her appearance and it is regarded as settled now that she will remain in the Tombs until her trial has been disposed of.

SELL BONDS AT HOME.

Ways and Means Committee Approves
Mayor Green's Plan.

The \$75,000 of improvement bonds, bonds issued to pay for paving to be done this year, will be offered for sale for popular subscription at 4% per cent. This action was taken by the ways and means committee of the council last night. The offer of the Prudential Trust company which agrees to handle the subscriptions free of any cost to the city was recommended for acceptance. The Trust company offers in case the bonds are not fully subscribed to take the remaining portion unsold themselves or in case of over subscription to give the smaller investors preference. The bonds will be offered for sale at par.
One-tenth of the bonds are payable each year.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Chester Thomas, son of Buck Thomas of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of Topeka, died suddenly Friday at Christ hospital. He was 18 years of age and was visiting with friends in Topeka when his sudden death occurred.

Fire Chief G. O. Wilmarth received a telegram late this afternoon from Galena, Kan., which says: "Fire Chief Burdock died suddenly last night. Funeral Monday morning."

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